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TOPIC Situation in the Czech Border Area around Varnsdorf, Czechoslovakia and East Germany

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1. From 3 to 6 August 1954, the border area in the sector from Filipov (O 51/F 97) to Varnsdorf (O 51/F 97) and the area west of Varnsdorf (O 51/F 97) was in a neglected condition and was again overgrown with weeds. Border guards on the Czech side of the border included stationary double sentries, and mounted and pedestrian patrols. No obstacles were observed in the entire sector. Combat noise of military exercises was constantly heard from the area of Spitzberg (Spicak hill 539) northeast of Varnsdorf. The clearing of lanes in this area had discontinued. Cut down tree trunks were no longer trucked away. The triangulation point on Spitzberg which had an observation tower was not constantly occupied and had no camouflage.

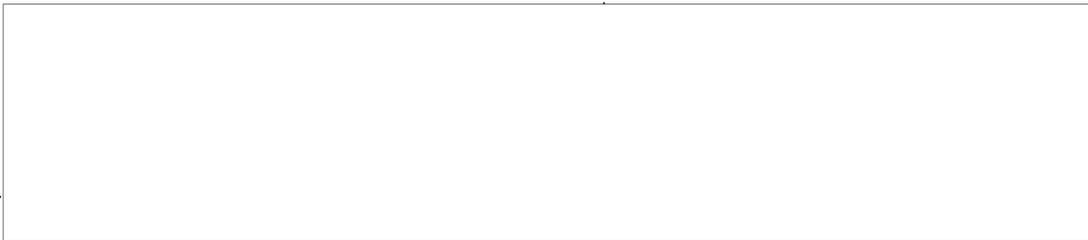
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2. In late August or early September 1954, about 20 Czech soldiers were observed clearing a lane, 25 to 45 meters wide, in the Czech border area south of Hartau (O 51/F 97). Minor rocks and stumps were blasted and trucked away. Since early August 1954, the noise of explosions from the Czech border area had been heard in Zittau (O 51/F 97) almost daily.

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